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F R E E

Sumpter Township board approves \$6,500 custom furniture for new board table

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved construction of a three-part custom table built by Jeffrey Lominac, Sr., and Jeffrey Lomiac, Jr., at a cost of \$6,500.

At the board's work/study session on Jan. 8, Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis said they want to move the board table forward to the first step of the raised platform so there is more room behind the table, so a chair and desk can be set up for commissions with many members and so a wheelchair could fit back there, if needed.

She said the present board table has been in place since the building was built in the 1970s.

She said Lominac did work on the Ave Maria Church, "which is Tom Monaghan's church." [She did not explain this comment, but the Monaghan she referred to could have been founder of Domino's Pizza, former owner of the Detroit Tigers, and conservative Catholic.]

Lominac, Sr., said they would set up shop in a building the township will provide and build the furniture in three sections. He said the polyurethane coating will be very strong when it is applied.

"It will outlast everyone in this room," Lominac, Sr. said of his furniture.

"While I understand the new table is budgeted, I would like to wait until after the 2019-20 public budget workshops, which I have proposed and discussed with Finance Director [Scott] Holtz," said Treasurer Ken Bednark. "Instead of piecemeal work on the building, I would like to have an overall look at the whole thing."

"We need to take a more holistic approach to renovating this 1970s building and I propose we develop a Building Capital

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34th District Court Judge Bryan A. Oakley, right, swore in members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education that were elected Nov. 6. From left are Amy Pearce, Cal Hawkins, and Darlene Gerick.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman
34th District Court Judge David Parrott swore in the newly elected members of the Belleville Area District Library Board before the regular board meeting on Jan. 8. From left are Linda Priest, Barbara Gates, Mary Jane Dawson, and Sharon Peters.

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Improvement Program to implement during the next fiscal year.

"These chairs are about as old as the table," Bednark said, adding that people need to see where all the dollars are going. He said the board table is not falling down and a capital improvement program would cover more things than this table, maybe some chairs.

"I'm not getting any younger," complained Lominac, Sr.

Clerk Esther Hurst said the plan was to order the chairs after the board table was complete.

Finance Director Holtz said it was his idea to update the public area first.

Lominac said the board can put the three pieces in storage when they are building their new building and then take it out again to use.

"You're getting a piece of furniture," Lominac, Sr. said.

Part-time clerk in Treasurer's Office

Also on the agenda was a request from Bednark to hire a part-time clerical position to work in the Treasurer's Office, not to exceed 20 hours per week, no benefits, subject to a background check and not to exceed \$18 an hour.

After some squabbling, and Bednark pushing strongly for help for his department, the vote was taken during the regular meeting with no votes against the move, although some board members did not vote at all.

The discussion began with Supervisor John Morgan noting the main source of income for the township is derived from the landfill, and this amount has gone down. Instead of hiring a person just for the treasurer's office, he said they should get someone who will be able to work in any department and go to the senior citizens when needed.

Director Holtz said they have 1.5 full time equivalent positions that are budgeted for but not allocated. By not paying anyone, they are saving money.

Bednark said the office of the treasurer is the busiest of all the offices in the building because ultimately, when they leave one of the other offices, they come to the treasurer's office because there is a fee. He has bullet-proof glass on his window.

"Cross training will not work," Bednark said, adding the key to his staff is to have enough people for busy times.

"Prior to the holiday break, I thanked Supervisor Morgan for the on-boarding assistance his deputy provided and told him that her services would no longer be needed and she can focus on the duties of deputy supervisor.

"Since that time, Deputy [Vern] Morse and I have made great strides, but we are under resourced. Jokingly, I have said the



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman
Ken Toney, who is retiring from a long career with the Van Buren Township Police Department, has been approved as a new officer at Sumpter Township. From left are his mother-in-law Phyllis Cox, his wife Sharon, daughter Shaylynn, Officer Toney, and Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke.

training-wheels are now off and it is time to ride and ride we will.

"I am building the office of the treasurer from the ground up and a part-time clerical person would be a substantial benefit. Finance Director Holtz indicated in his finance report that we can allocate funds without increasing the existing budget. So, I am asking the board to approve this position in accordance with my request," Bednark concluded.

Trustee Matt Oddy said obviously it's a win if the township can use the existing budgeted funds. "But, it's win-win to use staff we already have. I do agree you need additional help... In the past the water clerk was in the office."

Bednark said just he and his deputy are running the office. He said the clerk directly reported to the water department.

"If you saw my budget, it's very anemic..." Bednark continued. "We don't need people who are stressed ... I'm not in favor of moving people around ... You lose accountability... I need this board to give me the resources I need ... Unless I get proper staffing in there, you can expect problems."

Oddy said they worked hard with the union to make sure employees can cross-train and work in different departments.

"My concern is my department," Bednark said.

Oddy told Bednark not to interrupt him.

"I want a stand-alone office," Bednark said. "I will see to it that I have a stand-alone office ... We recently hired a new building clerk." He said he is moving Anna back and needs another part-time employee. "It pays to have reserve capacity. There are ebbs and flows in that office ... If you question anything I'm telling you, shadow me for a week and I'll give you my pay," Bednark said to the trustees.

Oddy said Anna was under the supervisor and Supervisor Morgan said, "I wouldn't get in the way."

"I didn't know about Anna," Oddy said.

Bednark said in the past, the treasurer's office did have three, full-time people there and he saw Deputy Supervisor Armatis more in the treasurer's office than in the supervisor's office.

"Then, we had an implosion," Bednark said. "I've been in office one-and-a-half months and I've been running it with Vern. I have less people than before."

"Will this free you up so people can pay taxes on line?" asked Trustee Don LaPorte. "I'm working on it," Bednark said.

Trustee LaPorte said they all are here to serve the public.

"I'll get it done. You watch and see," Bednark said.

Oddy wanted to change the agenda item wording to indicate the existing funds will be reallocated for the treasurer's office.

Clerk Hurst pointed out that the allocated funds were for a union employee and this new employee will be cheaper because there are no benefits.

In other business at the Jan. 8 meeting, the board:

- Approved the second reading and adoption of opting out of the permitted use of Commercial Marijuana Facilities in the township to take effect 30 days after publication;

- Approved the annual Wayne County resolutions for annual maintenance permits, pavement restoration, and special events;

- Approved sending Deputy Treasurer Morse to Tax I and Tax II BS&A training in a two-day session in February, at a cost not to exceed \$750. The knowledge gained will benefit the office, Bednark said;

- Approved Guardian alarm security

updates for the township hall at a cost of \$1,500, pending final monitoring agreement review for five years, as requested by Trustee Tim Rush. This was not budgeted. Trustee Rush said the system installed here goes back 12 years. He said the updates would give significant security enhancements to the building;

- Approved a letter of intent to prevent automatic renewal of Guardian Alarm contracts for six facilities, as requested by Trustee Rush. These agreements come up for automatic renewal in the first and second quarters of 2019. "The money we're paying is way beyond the normal," said Rush, adding Guardian is a good company;

- Approved hiring Kenneth Wayne Toney as a full-time police officer, contingent upon him successfully passing a physical in addition to psychological and drug testing. Toney, a long-time resident of Sumpter Township is a 26-year veteran of the Van Buren Township Police Department and will retire from there on Jan. 15. Sumpter Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said he has known Toney for his whole career. "Kenneth is very well-respected in not only law-enforcement circles, but also the community as a whole, showing himself to be an excellent police officer," Chief Luke said. "From his interactions with the public, his work ethic, his attitude, his experience, and his overall demeanor, Kenneth will be a great fit for the department and the residents we serve." Toney replaces Jerry Cox, who resigned in September.

- Heard Trustee Oddy ask about the policy on overdue water bills and Holtz said they could ask Anna to monitor the shutoffs. Oddy suggested asking the head of the water department to come in and explain the policy on shutoffs. Bednark said a lot of people have been coming in to pay and if the balance gets to \$400 in arrears, they can't work with them any more. "We can't just shut them off," Bednark said, noting a payment policy can be set up. "I agree we need to bring the Water Department head in here." Oddy said they should let people know what options they have. "We have to have a standard procedure that applied to everyone," Oddy said. Trustee LaPorte said maybe they could alert them to programs for the needy;

- Heard Treasurer Bednark thank water department personnel John Krushlin, Randy Lynch, and Mike Petroski, along with Brad Wheelock from the building department, for their assistance earlier that day in moving some very heavy file cabinets to make space for a conference table and clerical area;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan say \$367 was raised by women in the office to wear jeans. The money is used to help people in the community;

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Public invited to sign steel beams at new library site

On Tuesday, at the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Belleville Area District Library Board President Sharon Peters invited the public to come sign a steel beam on the new library, now under construction in downtown Belleville.

She said they had first thought about having elected officials from the tri-communities of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter, but then decided it's the people's building and everyone should be able to sign it.

She said the ceremonial signings will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, before the 12:30 p.m. annual meeting of the Friends of the Library. Peters said people will have to wear hard hats to step into the construction zone and will have to use a special pen. The steel columns specified are those near the new entrance.

Peters came to the VBT regular meeting to personally thank the board members for their personal donations to the library — exactly \$1,007.16 from their pockets. No taxpayer money involved.

She said VBT will be acknowledged on the new library's donor wall. The donor wall will be prominent in the new library forever. The signing of the beams will be covered up by construction, she said.

Peters said she hopes the donations from VBT officials will inspire other officials to donate to the library, as well. The goal was to raise \$400,000 and they've got \$300,000 so far.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A woman and man had filed for a variance from the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals in December, then put off the hearing on their request until January because the BZA had just a bare quorum at the December meeting and all four members present would have had to agree.

They had rescued three old horses to nurture on Ecorse Road and she already had three ponies. Her acreage allowed her only three horses under VBT ordinances, so she wanted the variance to keep the older horses until they died. She was feeding them special food and loving them when no one else wanted them.

On Jan. 2 they withdrew their request for a variance, with the understanding they could request a variance in the future, if they chose. I hope they got someone to help with the care of the horses.

I've been told that Marc Abdilla, a cross-trained police officer/fire fighter for the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, went back to work the next day after he was hurt in the accident with the Huron Valley Ambulance unit at Haggerty/Ecorse roads. He was among five people transported to hospitals after the crash. A fellow police officer said, "You just can't keep Marc down."

It's kind of a mystery to me. A few weeks ago I heard a call for the Sumpter Fire Department that said a man on Willis Road had three Q-Tips stuck up his nose. The fire department arrived, but couldn't see the Q-Tips, since they were either too far up his nasal passage — or not there at all. The man was taken by ambulance to the hospital and I don't know the end of the story.



We've sent out the Freedom of Information Act requests for the six units that we report on yearly as far as their use of tax money for salaries. Last year we tried to add the 34th District Court to the list, as requested by a reader, but we were told in no uncertain terms they aren't covered by FOIA.

The salaries that will be coming up in the next few weeks are: Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, City of Belleville, Belleville Area District Library, Van Buren Public Schools, and Keystone Charter Academy.

At last week's meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, the lady behind me in the audience said she had been by the 34th District Court building construction and the court is ahead of the library, as far as construction goes. "They're beating us," she said.

The library broke ground on April 14, 2018 and the court broke ground on April 23, 2018. Both projects had delays, but now both seem to be moving right along.

On Dec. 23 there was an emergency dispatch call to Van Buren Township police for an assault & battery on Victoria St. It turns out the victim was an infant in its mother's arms that had a fractured skull. And, we're told, the man who allegedly did it took off.

Police have been looking for him ever since, with the help of other police agencies.

Hope they find him and I can see him prosecuted at 34th District Court.

I got a call from a 34th District Court defendant who wanted me to stop publishing his name. I told him since he was bound over to circuit court for trial that I probably wouldn't have reason to write about him again.

He said he was innocent of the charge and I told him I would certainly write about him if he was found not guilty.

He said he didn't mind me writing about that, at all. He was a nice young man and I hope he is innocent of the charge.

I was wondering about the Netflix movie that was causing youngsters to go around wearing blindfolds, so I read the book and watched the movie and now I understand the plot. I still think children are asking for problems if they go around outside wearing blindfolds. One guy was driving his pickup blindfolded.

The book was written by Josh Malerman of Ferndale and the book details were altered in the movie some. It was set in Michigan, but in the movie it's in California. And Michigan's Huron River I visualized, isn't in the movie.



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Letters

Democrats: Join us on Jan. 24 for meeting

To the editor:

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year and, on behalf of the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club, thank you for all your support in 2018! Many members of our communities (City of Belleville, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships) took time out of their busy schedules to attend our events, help raise funds, make phone calls, knock doors, and elect Democrats up and down the ticket in 2018!

Our well-attended October Candidate Meet & Greet was a huge success, voters set records for turnout in Election 2018 and we were able to elect almost all of our endorsed candidates! We celebrated our victory and wrapped up the year with a well-attended Annual Holiday Dinner.

Please join us at our regular membership meeting, Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the dining hall at the Wayne County Fair Grounds (10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township, west of Belleville Road between I-94 N. Service Dr. & Tyler Rd.). Bring your friends, family, and neighbors! Stop in, meet some of your other neighbors, enjoy the fellowship and hear the latest up-dates on current events and pending legislation from local, county, state and federal elected representatives.

You never know who will show up! Come enjoy the conversation, fun, and fellowship. All are welcome! With 2019 getting under way, our nation is experiencing the longest government shutdown in our history and we are gearing up for a year of trials, tribulations, and resistance!

Again, thank you all for your support and for making a difference in Election 2018! Hope you will decide to join us for our next membership meeting, Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy 2019,

Debbie Chamberlain
 Corresponding Secretary
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Birthdays

Jan. 20 – Ernesto Guzman
 Jan. 21 – Kathy Kovach
 Jan. 22 – Scott Russell
 Jan. 23 – Andrea Vanderbergh
 Jan. 24 – Angela Koste

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"You can observe a lot just by watching."
 — Yogi Berra

Banfield Animal Hospital closes its doors

To the editor:

Banfield Animal Hospital, known before as Belleville Animal Hospital, went out of business officially on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 -- for good.

The main reason was Banfield was forcing Dr. Dobson into retirement. All Dr. Dobson's clients would not go back there because Dr. Dobson was no longer employed there anymore.

In my opinion, that's why Banfield Hospital closed its doors for good. I hope someone opens this Belleville Animal Hospital back up real soon and they bring Dr. Dobson back to be their veterinarian again. Dr. Dobson was excellent with all pets. He gave quality care to all pets. I believe Dr. Dobson would go back to a new clinic where he would feel appreciated again.

Dr. Dobson had 26 years working at Belleville Animal Hospital at 437 Sumpter Rd. in Belleville, MI 48111. I trusted Dr. Dobson with my German shepherd for the last 10 years. Please, someone, reopen this Belleville Animal Hospital back up and bring Dr. Dobson back where he belongs to finish his long career. God bless.

Larry Baleja
 Van Buren Township

Thank you: 154 pairs of pajamas were given

To the editor:

Your kindness is embedded in our hearts and words of thanks just does not suffice.

We truly know the worth and value of your caring and giving thanks to all that donated to the pajama drive for Cedar Wood Health Care. One hundred and fifty-four pairs were given.

Thank you all very much.
 Sumpter Township Give Back Committee
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Community Singing to start at library

To the editor:

A fun, new, recurring program we're trying to get started here: Community Singing! Please, help us spread the word.

Wednesdays: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, April 24 at 7 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors for a community sing-along, hosted by WDET's Matt Watroba. Community sings are an opportunity for all willing singers to experience the power of song and musical participation.

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More than 200 attend BHS presentation on depression, suicide

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

More than 200 people attended the Jan. 10 presentation on depression and suicide in the Belleville High School Auditorium.

The event featured Jeff Olson, who spoke without notes for about a half hour before the documentary film on depression and the suicide of his son Daniel.

After the film he spoke for another 15 minutes, urging people to, "Be kind to everyone because you don't know what people are suffering."

The presentation was set up by high school counselors after a series of suicides by students and members of the community. Hopefully, this would start a public conversation on the issue.

Olson spent Thursday morning with students at McBride Middle School and was scheduled to be at the high school with students on Friday.

Present in the audience Thursday night were the professionals Michael Berens and Kammi-Young Berens who created the documentary film.

Olson said the film was made because they wanted people to know there is hope. He said depression is medical illness that is treatable. He said it is a defect in the brain and things are not connecting. Negative thoughts go around and around in your brain. The person is unable to be happy.

He urged people who are suffering depression to ask for help and tell their feelings. He said doctors can give sleeping pills to help rest the brain. Sometimes counseling helps.

He said his son Daniel committed suicide July 19, 2012 after doctors told his parents that nothing was working and his suffering was increasing. They warned the parents to prepare themselves for the inevitable. But the family kept trying to keep him alive.

Daniel's mother said she and Jeff did everything they could, but it didn't work out as they had hoped.

"I'm Daniel's voice," said Jeff. "And, I'm telling you it's treatable."

The film tells the story of Daniel's football dream of winning the state title for his father Jeff, the Ishpeming High School football coach. They got to Ford Field in 2010, but lost to Hudson.

Two years later, after Daniel's death, Ishpeming won the state title over Detroit Loyola. The team did it for their coach, but also for Daniel and Derreck, another 2010 team member who had died.

Olson said his team won another state title in 2015.

Olson said anxiety and depression are an epidemic these days and people feel alone and afraid.

"One in four people will suffer from one sort of mental illness during their lifetime," he said.

Olson recalled talking to his son, who was an accomplished athlete liked by everyone, about all the positive things in his life and what he had accomplished.

"If everything's so great, why do I feel

like this?" Olson said Daniel replied.

Daniel first noticed his depression in the sixth grade and fought it by himself for five years. In his junior year he was suicidal and he asked for help. They took him to the doctor who told them it was a very common medical illness that was treatable.

Three months later was his first suicide attempt, which left him in the hospital for three or four days. Olson said he and his wife didn't tell anyone about the depression or the suicide. A year later, he had four days in the psychiatric ward after trying to kill himself. Then, he killed himself.

Olson said while he and his wife were deciding what to put in the obituary, they decided, absolutely, they were going to tell people what happened and try to educate people.

He said there are no blood tests, x-rays, or

high temperatures with which to diagnose depression, which is treatable through several techniques and patience is required.

For the past two years he has been giving the presentations to educate people and he wants to take the story to every high school in the country. He said he has received feedback from young people who tell him that they know he understands what they are going through. Some have said the presentation saved their lives.

He said had they talked about it

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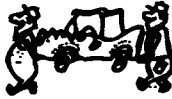
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Obituaries



Jean (Gawrys) Rouster

JEAN (GAWRYS) ROUSTER

(February 2, 1935 – January 12, 2019)

A resident of Belleville, Michigan since 1957, age 83, died on Saturday, January 12, 2019. She was born on February 2, 1935, in St. Clair, Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of Stanley and Frances (Leskiewicz) Gawrys.

She graduated from Pottsville High School in Pennsylvania in 1952. She was employed as a stenographer for the U.S. Civil Service at Willow Run Airport, for the U.S. Air Force; She worked in Washington D.C. for the U.S. Coast Guard; in San Diego, CA as a secretary for the U.S. Navy; for the University of Michigan at Willow Run; and for the Ford Motor Company at Rawsonville Road.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne; five sisters, Mary Franklin, Anna Mataka, Josephine Rodnick, Sally McNulty, all of PA, Margaret Tressman; and one brother John of California.

Surviving are her daughter Kathy (Glenn) Tomford of Ypsilanti, son Gary (Carol) of Jackson, two sisters Stasia Cartwright and Sophie Loskill, and one brother, Charles (Pat). Three grandsons, Eric (Ryenne) and Aaron Tomford, and Nathaniel (Makaela) Rouster.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no public funeral is planned. She will be buried at a private ceremony at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in her memory to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Rd. Taylor, MI, 48180-9972, or Arbor Hospice 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

MARGARET LOUISE FINK

(February 24, 1945 - January 10, 2019)

Age 74, of Belleville, died peacefully at St. Joseph Hospital -- Ann Arbor Campus, Thursday, January 10. Interment prayers were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 12, in the mausoleum of Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, 18303 Allen Rd., Brownstown.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 14 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.



Helen Marie Lyson

HELEN MARIE LYSON

(August 30, 1925 -- January 7, 2019)

Helen Marie Lyson, age 93, went to be with the Lord January 7, 2019. She was born in Poland, the daughter of Frank and Agnes (Adamus) Kotlarczyk. Helen came to America in 1927 and married Frank Lyson in 1946.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Jane (Ronald) Vesche; sons, Frank Jr., Jim (Jeanene) and Joe (Michele) Lyson; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Frank, Jim and Felix Kotlarczyk; sister Stella Koziel; grandson, James Lyson and daughter-in-law, Shirley Lyson.

Helen enjoyed gardening and cooking stuffed cabbage and pierogies at holiday gatherings with family. She had worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant as one of the "Rosie the Riveters" during WWII. Helen will be laid to rest next to her husband in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's United Church of Christ, 270 Bohne Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240. Please sign Helen's guest book at sherwoodfh.com.

Canton to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Village Theater

Following a punch and cookie reception in the lobby, Canton Township will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. The Reception is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

This year's keynote address will be presented by Martin Philbert, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan. The program will also feature a performance by the Dodson Elementary School Choir.

Several special artists will enrich the program and reception with their artworks, including: Alga Washington's two paintings of Dr. King -- one of which is on the program cover; photographer Jim Aho with his special MLK Memorial photo; photos taken by Benedict Fernandez (Dr. King's personal photographer); John Mullinax's charcoal drawing of Dr. King; and Chuck Schroeder's pen and ink drawing of Dr. King.

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District Library Board reelects Sharon Peters as chairman of the board

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Jan. 8 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, board members reelected Sharon Peters as chairman for another year.

Mary Jane Dawson was reelected vice-chairman. Alma Hughes Grubs was elected secretary and Joy Cichewicz elected treasurer.

At the beginning of the meeting, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott swore in the four members who were elected Nov. 6: Peters, Dawson, Linda Priest, and Barbara Gates.

Chairwoman Peters said she has been consulting with board members and she will make her committee assignments at the next meeting.

Building Committee Report

Cichewicz reported library representatives had a conversation with Sumpter Township representatives about renovations of the hexagon building to make way for the district library's new facility in Sumpter.

They were finding it difficult to move forward on plans because Sumpter was using their library funds in escrow for outside improvements and the library was using its funds for inside improvements. The library was having overruns. Sometimes the work overlapped.

"They have volunteered to combine the funds and improve who is working on the project," Cichewicz said. "They will use Dan's drawings as a template," she said referring to library architect Daniel Whisler.

She said they had tradesmen and the library had tradesmen and it was too complicated.

Cichewicz said Sumpter will use the architect from Hennessey Engineers, Ray Parker.

"They wanted to use lower quality materials to keep the costs down," Cichewicz said.

Board member John Juriga said he agreed that two architects and two attorneys working on that project was too much.

"The district library agreement said they would provide the building," Cichewicz said. "It's their building and they will actually own it and it made more sense for

them to do it," Cichewicz said.

Board member Dawson pointed out the steel was up on the construction of the new library next door to the old library and Peters said she has been told the rest of the steel will be up by the end of January.

Juriga said he hired a drone for last Monday or Tuesday, but it was too windy for it to go up to take pictures of the construction.

"We'll only do this once," he said, adding, "He'll come back when it's not windy."

2017-18 Audit

Ron Traskos presented the 2017-18 audit prepared by Alan C. Young & Associates for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018. Traskos said the positive audit showed a "very solid" financial situation.

The audit includes the general operating fund, the construction fund, and the debt service fund. He said while the construction fund will go away once the building is complete, the debt service fund will go on for 18.5 years to complete paying off the \$13 million in bonds. Bond payments are in May and November.

Peters thanked Library Director Mary Jo Suchy for the fiduciary responsibility she has shown so they could be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars.

Fund Development Committee

Peters said between Dec. 11 and that day they have seen significant increases paid on pledges for the library.

The largest donation was just before Christmas, she said, noting the Atchinson Family donated \$85,000 to name a room the Atchinson Family Atrium near the front door of the new library. In addition, a flag pole will be named for Todd Atchinson, who died in November, making a total donation of \$92,500.

Peters said retired Library Director Debbie Green has donated \$5,000 to get her two grandchildren's names on planters, along with the name of Mary Jo Suchy also on a planter. Green said Suchy wouldn't put her own name on anything, so she's doing it. The planters are \$1,500 each and the extra \$500 is toward the Jahr Memorial.

The grandchildren to be on the planters are Matthew Edison Cabrera and Sofia Elise Holland Cabrera.

"Our total is over \$300,000," Peters said

of the community donations for library amenities.

She said when the library went over budget, people stepped up to help and she believes it's because of the quality of the library services.

"I've tried to raise money before and this is better," she said of the willing library supporters.

She said people who donate before the cornerstone is laid in either May or June will become charter donors to the library and have their names in the cornerstone. She said many more people donated to the library that were not discussed that evening.

Library Director's Report

Director Suchy reported that she, too, was very grateful for all the donations, including \$6,000 pledged by Board President Sharon Peters and her husband Melvin Peters for two of the early literacy computer stations in the children's room. Also Board Member John Juriga and his wife Debbie Juriga pledged \$5,000 to the new library. The Friends of the Library

pledged \$25,000 for the Children's Garden Area.

Suchy also said she and her staff had a conference call with Envisionware on Jan. 2 and placed the initial RFID/Self-Check order on Jan. 4. She said they are still deliberating on the installation of an automated materials handling system. Architect Whisler confirmed that he could make changes to the building's design now that would make it easier to incorporate an AMH system in the future.

Suchy said circulation supervisor Michelle Wloch has expressed great interest in the improved staff ergonomics that an AMH system would provide. She said they plan to take some field trips to other libraries that use this technology, including the Commerce Library.

The AMH system checks in and sorts materials and the books do not even have to be opened. Suchy said they expect to have 350,000 books in the new library. It was stated some library workers get carpal

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VB Schools Board of Education reelects Keith Johnston as president

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Keith Johnston was reelected president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday's annual organizational meeting.

Reelected vice president was Susan Featheringill. Darlene Loyer-Gerick was elected secretary and Simone Pinter was elected treasurer.

All the votes were unanimous, except that Johnston chose not to cast a vote for himself.

The board also approved meeting dates, generally the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m., and approved the depository for school funds and authorized investments.

Standing committee membership was set up as follows:

- Facilities Committee: Darlene Loyer-Gerick, Keith Johnston, Simone Pinter
- Finance Committee: Susan Featheringill, Simone Pinter, Amy Pearce
- Health Advisory Committee: Kelly Owen, Keith Johnston
- Policy Committee: Susan Featheringill, Calvin Hawkins, Amy Pearce
- School Improvement Committee: Kelly Owen, Darlene Loyer-Gerick

Two different members of the board will serve on the Reinstatement Committee for each month of 2019.

After the organizational meeting concluded, the regular meeting began and the board:

- Ratified the closing on the sale of the vacant Denton Road property in Canton Township for \$425,000 to Anthony Costantino and Chris Costantino of Ypsilanti;
- Went over the current 18 pages of the Board Operating Procedures and made suggestions for changes. The changes will be included in the final copy which will be presented at the next board meeting, Jan. 28, for approval;
- Heard Vice-President Featheringill give a report on the two classes she attended through the Michigan Association of School Boards in December. One was on Labor Relations and the other on Effective Board Meetings. The Certified Board Member Award (CBA) classes start with the 100 level and go up to the 300

level. She has completed all the 100 level courses, she said;

- Approved the hiring of Bridget Cole as an Edgemont Elementary School Resource Room Teacher as of Jan. 14 and approve the hiring of Chrystal Lampinen as an Edgemont Elementary School Paraprofessional as of Jan. 7;

- Was honored with certificates from RESA for School Board of Education Month;

• Heard Director of Instruction Jeff Moore say that Rawsonville Elementary School students are reading books and the readings posted on You Tube. He said a couple from Canton donated \$1,250 to buy multiple copies of books so children could read along with the You Tube readings. The couple was reluctant to get publicity for this, Moore said;

• Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun report that he is still negotiating with the teachers' union. He said there is a shortage of paraprofessionals everywhere and he became trained to give the ETS paraprofessional tests and for the last three months he has been coming in on Saturdays to give the tests for the district and for other districts;

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- Learned the Robotics Team met for the first time this year on Jan. 5, the Saturday before school started after the break. Aaron Lang, one of the teachers with the Robotics Team, is in Florida, Supt. Kudlak said, because Lang's father died Saturday in Florida;

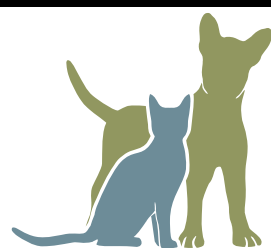
- Heard Trustee Pearce say she would like the district to continue the conversation on mental health begun with last week's suicide prevention presentations. She said she would like to see resource information passed out so parents and students would know where to go for help. It was suggested cards be placed in restrooms to be picked up or posters in restrooms so students

could take pictures of the information without anyone knowing;

- Was informed BHS chemistry teacher Anthony Tedaldi was honored Saturday at the University of Michigan basketball game for being Teacher of the Game; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss the potential reinstatement of a student who was expelled during the 2017-18 school and the expulsion period had expired. The recommendation of the District Reinstatement Committee after a Dec. 13 meeting was before the board for consideration. No action was taken by the board.

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There will be an update on the progress of the new library from O'Neal Construction Company and from Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.



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Michael Dotson reelected chairman of the Van Buren Township LDFA

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Michael Dotson, manager of the Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus in Van Buren Township, was reelected chairman of the VBT Local Development Finance Authority at its regular meeting Jan. 8.

Doug Peters, retired attorney and artist, was reelected vice-chairman and John Delaney was reelected corresponding secretary.

After Chuck Covington made a motion to reelect the whole slate, Peters said the slate was all male and maybe they should put a female on the slate.

Shareen Barker, financial director for the Van Buren Public Schools, is the only female on the LDFA and she declined, saying she had a lot going on right now.

The board members then reelected the former board one by one.

Ron Akers, director of the VBT planning and economic development department, presented the 2018 Synopsis of Activities of the LDFA, as required by Public Act 57 of 2018, the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act.

Akers wrote: "The original purpose of the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) was to finance and construct eligible public improvements for the Visteon Village project which was completed in 2004."

He explained how the LDFA established a development plan and tax increment financing plan which identified the improvements, estimated the costs of the improvements and estimated the amount of tax revenue the authority would capture based on the proposed improvements.

In order to finance the construction of the public improvements, the LDFA issued bonds to cover the costs of the improvements and those bonds were guaranteed by the township's ability to tax.

These public improvements have been completed and the primary focus of the LDFA at this time is the payment of the debt obligations as a result of those public improvements.

The tax increment financing plan overestimated the amount of tax revenue which would be captured by the LDFA

and due to this there is a projected shortfall which will occur in 2019.

The Synopsis is required to be put on the LDFA part of the township website after approval.

Peters noted there was no mention of the litigation against Visteon over the shortfall and Akers said he didn't feel that was a part of the LDFA activities since the township is suing.

Peters asked him to add to the Synopsis that the LDFA continued to support township litigation against Visteon. Akers said he would add that sentence, send the amended Synopsis to Chairman Dotson for approval, and then put it on the website as required.

Also required by the new state law are public information meetings. The LDFA will hold its first Public Information Meeting during the next regular LDFA meeting at 2 p.m., March 12.

After some discussion, Dotson directed Akers to investigate best practices on how other LDFAs handle absences and what makes an absence unexcused. Also, how many absences should there be before a member is removed from the LDFA.

When the VBT LDFA went from one meeting a month to a meeting every other month, the number of maximum absences allowed remained at three. Since there are six meetings a year now, if you missed three that is 50%, Delaney pointed out.

Delaney said one unnamed individual LDFA member has missed three meetings and has yet to be sworn in.

Peters said adjusting the attendance requirements would help the LDFA avoid the quorum problems it has had.

"Non feasance" is the official term for excessive absences, Akers said.

Peters said maybe they should just call this person and find out if he wants to be removed.

Covington said he is negotiating with the Teamsters for his transportation firm and he knows you can't be making rules for an individual.

Dotson said they will bring back the information to the next meeting and possibly pass a motion to change the bylaws.

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Court Watching:**Stickler bound over for domestic violence, unlawful imprisonment**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Steven Cole Stickler, 39, held his preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley on Jan. 9 on a charge of domestic violence on his pregnant girlfriend.

The incident was Nov. 27 on Freedoms Way in Presidential Estates, Van Buren Township.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ola Faraj and court-appointed defense attorney Mark Magidson both stipulated that Stickler had been convicted twice before on domestic violence charges. Prosecutor Faraj said if he is convicted of this charge, it would make his third offense.

At the end of the exam, Prosecutor Faraj said she had a felony charge of unlawful imprisonment she would like to add to the domestic violence charge because Stickler dragged the victim back into the home when she was trying to escape.

Magidson objected to the amendment, charging the woman was using the judicial system to avenge an unfaithful boyfriend. He pointed out she didn't mention any of the dragging in the police statement she wrote after the incident.

Magidson said, "These people need counseling," not a criminal case.

Judge Oakley said for him to refuse to bind over Stickler on the domestic violence charge he would have to find the witness completely non-credible, and, "I don't."

He bound Stickler over to circuit court for a Jan. 23 arraignment on the information. He then said the amendment to add "unlawful imprisonment" was appropriate, so it was added to his charge. The unlawful imprisonment charge could bring a sentence of up to 15 years and up to a \$20,000 fine if he is found guilty.

The only witness brought to the stand was Tiffany Hurd who said Stickler had been living in her manufactured home with her since August 2016 and they were in a dating relationship.

Hurd testified that she is pregnant

now and was pregnant at the time of the incident. She said the day before the incident, she felt sick and went to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She said she got sick from a resident where she works with senior citizens.

She testified that the next day he tried to start a fight with her and brought up things. She said she told him she was sick and pregnant, but he was aggressive with her and was man-handling her and put his hand over her mouth.

She said she went to the kitchen to eat and he grabbed her by her pony tail and threw her on the bed. She testified he got on top of her and threatened to punch her teeth down her throat.

Hurd said he finally stopped and she was going to run out the back door to the carport and he grabbed her pony tail and threw her down on the belt. He saw a belt on the floor and threatened her with it.

She said she pushed out the screen in the window next to her bed and crawled out the window. She said he tried to grab her.

Hurd testified she was going to go to the neighbors two doors down to use their phone, but they weren't home. She said she was barefooted.

She said she saw Stickler in his Ranger and he tried to get her in the Ranger and was dangling the keys to her car before her. She said she went home and, although he had taken her phone from her earlier, he left the phone on the kitchen counter and she phoned Van Buren Township police.

Hurd testified she was scared.

Under cross examination, Hurd testified they were in an exclusive dating relationship and it was a planned pregnancy. She said she did suspect him of having another girlfriend and she was hurt. She said she is a parent and Stickler had no children.

She said she wrote out a statement for police and left out the parts about pulling her around by her ponytail and being threatened by the belt because she was stressed and confused.

Magidson said Stickler moved to a different location, 20 or 30 miles away, and Hurd went there and left something so he knew she was there. She said that was not true and she made no effort to contact him.

She said before he knew there was a

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Court watching

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warrant out for him, he called her to say he was at her residence and she called Van Buren police who picked him up there on the warrant.

Magidson then announced his client has just told him he has screen shots on messages from her, but they were out in his car. Judge Oakley paused the proceedings until Stickler could go get the screen shots.

The attorney read messages reportedly from Hurd and she said she didn't send them. He asked her phone number and when she gave it, it wasn't the same as the one on the messages.

Magidson said Hurd's picture was on the messages and Hurd said she posts pictures on social media and someone could get pictures there.

"Could I remind you that this is a probable cause conference, not a trial," Judge Oakley said.

That's when Prosecutor Faraj amended the charges to include a second charge and asked Judge Oakley to bind Stickler over for trial.

Chelsea Rae Dennis

Chelsea Rae Dennis, 27, was due for her preliminary exam on two charges of possession of narcotics on April 15 in the City of Belleville. Her retained attorney Wade Fink had asked for a representative of the laboratory that did the tests to be present at the exam. Three weeks ago he had said having the person there by video would be all right, so the case was adjourned so the prosecutor could make arrangements with the lab.

Judge Oakley was told the prosecutor is waiting for a call back from the lab and Oakley said that's probably because they didn't call until that morning. Judge Oakley announced he was calling the case at 10 a.m.

At two minutes before 10, Fink called into the courtroom asking for two more minutes.

When he returned, he had a plea deal for his client. Dennis pled guilty to a new count of use of cocaine, a misdemeanor, and the felony charges were dropped.

Fink said this would resolve all the charges that are filed on this incident. She said on April 15 she was stopped in Belleville and she was in possession of a controlled substance.

When Judge Oakley questioned her to prepare for the proper sentence, she said she works at the Flight Club bar and as soon as her youngest child is in school -- her children are four and six -- she wants to go to cosmetology school. The man that wasn't good for her is no longer in her life.

Her attorney said she asked the Belleville police to let her walk in for the charge and she didn't know there was a warrant out. She held onto the steering wheel because she was scared. That's when they reportedly forced her from the car. She said she has been clean of drugs since April.

Judge Oakley suggested she talk to someone who has worked doing hair and

nails for years to find out how hard it is to stand for long periods of time. He said she has to get out of the bar job.

She said she was offered an office job at a car dealership and Judge Oakley suggested she take it as soon as possible.

He sentenced her to 12 months of non-reporting probation, to get a non-bar job within two weeks, 30 hours of community service by April 1, and a fine of \$445.

Denise Lynne Lewis

Denise Lynne Lewis, 35, was due for her preliminary exam on a charge of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of between \$1,000 and \$20,000 on Aug. 30 in Van Buren Township.

Her retained attorney Michael Vincent announced a plea deal that had his client pleading no contest to a misdemeanor of embezzlement between \$200 and \$1,000.

She presented a certified check for \$5,000 in full restitution to Kristin Therrian, asset protection assistant store manager of the Belleville Walmart.

Vincent said his client was pleading no contest because of any civil liability.

Vincent said this is her first offense and she is a nice lady and very remorseful. He said she is a candidate for probation and no drugs or alcohol were involved.

Judge Oakley asked if she had difficulties last summer and Vincent said he didn't know. Lewis was reluctant to explain. She whispered to attorney Vincent and Vincent went up to the judge's bench for a private sidebar discussion with the prosecutor.

Judge Oakley said he has the factual background and Lewis is working, has children, and never has been in trouble before. She now has a better support system than she had last summer.

"This has made an imprint on her soul, a big imprint," Vincent said, as Lewis wept. Vincent said her husband is in the courtroom in support.

"She felt more weight on her shoulders and tried to carry it herself?" Judge Oakley asked and Lewis' husband and the man next to him nodded.

"Shame on you," Judge Oakley said to them.

When Judge Oakley asked, she said her children were ages five and three.

Judge Oakley sentenced her to 12 months of non-reporting probation, 20 hours of community service, and a fine of \$365, which she said she would pay immediately.

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Sumpter Twp.

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• Heard loud feedback noises in the sound system during the meeting until Trustee Rush called out: "Karen, tell him to stop working on it until our meeting is over," which sent Armatis rushing into the main offices. Bednark announced that he has friends who have tweeted him that the live video feed of the board meeting on cable is fine, but the audio is going in and out. Armatis later said that this was the second

meeting being cablecast live. She said in the future the public will not only get the cablecast live but recorded cablecasts. She said she is setting up training. Another loud noise reverberated through the board room. The cablecasts of the meetings have been off for a year;

• Heard Mary Ban say there has been a total neglect of the gravel roads by Wayne County. She also referred to an article in the Wall Street Journal that she had given to Armatis for distribution to the board. It was about the dangers of marijuana. She said the governor has assigned the new

head of LARA [Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs], Orlene Hawks, whose husband is a lobbyist for cannabis. She asked if this was a conflict of interest, since LARA oversees the new marijuana law. Ban also reported that a year after Van Buren Township made its changes to the 48111 zip code, she still is getting half of her mail in Sumpter delivered with a VBT address;

• Heard Barry Robinson ask Supervisor Morgan if he is accepting the insurance opt-out payment of \$1,000 per month along with the salary of \$22,000? He received no reply. Robinson said that money could help people in the community, since some live on \$500 to \$600 a month and can't eat. To attorney Rob Young [who was pretty silent during the meeting since he was sick with a raspy throat and reportedly on antibiotics] Robinson stated that Young made comments at a recent meeting about who was in Robinson's car and said that was none of Young's business, like who is in Young's house is none of Robinson's business. [Robinson referred to the time the *Independent* asked to hitch a ride to court in downtown Detroit and Robinson complied.] "I am an elected precinct delegate," Robinson said. "And, I will be out there talking to people every day and will not be intimidated by anyone. You need to stop that"; and

• Heard Adrian Slaughter ask about the negotiations with the dump that attorney Young had reported under way for many months. "Today, we're told by Mr. Holtz

the revenue is going down. Where are we with the contract?" Young said the township agreed to a fast-track agreement in 1991 for payment for what is dumped. "Over the last decades disposal amounts have gone up and down. After Soave sold, the disposals went down. After another sale, the payments were up. In the past the amounts have been from \$1.2 million to \$3.5 million. There are no negotiations on this, except for minor adjustments." He said what is under negotiation is the collection contract, which is being changed because of the merger of Allied and Republic. He said he has been told the week of Jan. 7 he will have a response to his redlined contract response. LaPorte said some of the elected officials have been asking Young about the progress, as well. Slaughter said she turned on the government access channel earlier that day and there was nothing there. She said they used to at least have a logo in the past. Slaughter said the amount of money spent in November was supposed to put it on the air and it's January now. She said it was supposed to be on in August. She said there was \$30,000 and then another \$32,000 allocated for this system, "that somewhere included furniture" and it's still not up and running properly. "I don't care who gets angry at me ... I have a right to ask any question. If you don't agree with something, stand up and ask," she said to members of the community. "For \$62,000, I could have had this up and running right now." The audience applauded.

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Call for Art: 2019-2020 SculptureWalk Chelsea offers cash, platform

Chelsea Area Festival & Events (CAFE) announced a call for art for the 2019-2020 SculptureWalk Chelsea series.

Library Board

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tunnel syndrome from repeated tasks, such as checking in a great number of books.

Retired Director Green said she appreciates the fact that while this new library may have new technology to help the process, the library is committed to continue to have a live person answer the phone.

The board also discussed an article Suchy included in the board meeting packet on how San Diego eliminated library fines in

Celebrating its 10th year, SculptureWalk Chelsea is a rotating, outdoor sculptural exhibition showcased throughout downtown Chelsea.

Through a juried selection, twelve sculptures will be chosen. The winning artists receive a \$750 award along with a year-long highly visible platform to display their work. Sculptures will be available for sale, with 70% of the proceeds going to the artist.

its 36-branch library system and agreed it was “food for thought.” The Toledo library system also has eliminated library fines.

Police summoned

Suchy explained to the *Independent* later in the week that the two times she was summoned from the Jan. 8 meeting was due to a library emergency. She said three young men in the quiet study room were pointing air guns at each other. Belleville Police escorted them from the building. Another library official said the three young men were 18 years old.

SculptureWalk Chelsea has been revitalized thanks to a minigrant award from Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and administered by The Arts Alliance.

CAFE is the project manager in collaboration with the City of Chelsea/Downtown Development Authority, Chelsea District Library, and the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chelsea District Library, as part of its sponsorship support, has made a financial commitment for two installations to be located on the library premises

as well as providing free docent tours.

“We have been a partner with the SculptureWalk since its beginning ... last year we were very excited to be able to give one of the pieces a permanent home at the entrance to the library!” said Linda Ballard, assistant director.

The application deadline is Feb. 17. For more information, email Crystal Scott at VisualArts@chelseafestivals.com or apply for SculptureWalk Chelsea at www.chelseafestivals.com/sculpturewalk.



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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners
Mayor Conley and the City Council members were judges for the contest and took turns presenting awards to the following:

1. Harbour Pointe Winner: Luke Family, 234 Harbour Pointe Dr.
2. Victoria Commons: Winner: Ronald & Donna Adkins, 461 Waterbury
3. Mobile Home Parks: Winner: Morin Family, 77 Carmell
4. Balance of Belleville: Winner: Susan Johnson, 365 High St.
5. Business: Winner: Belleville Bariatrics, 159 Main St.

Council follow up list

A citizen said he noticed that lights were on 24 hours a day at Horizon Park. He would like the City to act on this as he feels it is “a waste of money.”

Citizen Comments

None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve the City Council meeting minutes from December 3rd with one correction as noted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Assessing Contract

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to adopt **Resolution No. 18-101** approving a new WCA Assessing 5-year contract to provide on-site assessing services for \$23,331.84 (January 1 through December 31, 2019) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Disposal of Surplus Property

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to adopt **Resolution No. 18-102** endorsing Administration's surplus property disposal proposal for the Ricoh MPC4500-SPF as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 18-103**, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$125,535.19 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was consensus among Council members to table the Executive Session for this meeting with a future meeting date to be determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: January 7, 2019

Published: January 17, 2019



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Michele Royston of Harbour Pointe in the City of Belleville was on a Christmas cruise and ported at the Island of Roatan, Honduras. She took along her *Independent*.

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Lincoln Consolidated Schools to honor school board at Jan. 28 meeting

The Lincoln Consolidated School District is joining 538 local and 56 intermediate school districts across Michigan to celebrate January as School Board Recognition Month.

“Our school board members spend countless hours of unpaid time working

to provide the best possible education for our students,” said Superintendent Sean R. McNatt. “They also serve as the corporate board of directors for one of our community’s largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say ‘thanks’ for all they do.”

School board members represent their fellow citizens’ view and priorities in the complex enterprise of maintaining and running the community’s public schools,

he said. They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Michigan.

Supt. McNatt said the school board’s main goal is to support student achievement. To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority.
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do.
- Assessing whether schools achieve their

goals and whether students are learning.

- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and by tracking progress and reporting results.
- Aligning the use of the district’s human and financial resources.
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach.
- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes.
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining, and revisiting issues related to student achievement.

The Lincoln Board of Education will be recognized by the district and each of the school buildings at their Jan. 28 meeting.

“Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part,” McNatt said. “They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to fighting for the best for all of our students.”

Serving the Lincoln Consolidated Schools are:

- Yoline Williams, president
- Jennifer Czachorski, vice president
- Jennifer LaBombarbe, secretary
- Thomas Rollins, treasurer
- Connie Newlon, trustee
- Allison Sparks, trustee/Washtenaw Association of Schools Boards representative
- Laura VanZomeren, trustee/Legislative Relations Network representative

Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:31 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark. Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 18 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 6:33 p.m. No comments were received. Ended 6:33 p.m.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2018. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling \$7,185.76. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Rush, Oddy, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve paying the bills through the month of December 2018. Motion carried.

7. Finance Report-Holtz: Treasurer Bednark read finance report as prepared. Motion by Swinson, supported by Rush to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried.

8. Water & Sewer Report-K. Bednark: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

9. Police Report-Luke: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Bednark to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Building/ Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report-Januszyk:

A. Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

12. Treasurer’s Report-K. Bednark:

A. Gave a progress report on the office status. B. Thanked his Deputy Morse, Holtz and Deputy Armatis for their assistance in getting the office up and running properly.

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

13. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to accept the recommendation of Ken Kunka and Hennessey Engineers to accept the bids from SCADA and UMS for repairs to the pump station at Sumpter & Willis Rd. Motion carried.

B. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Supervisor’s report. Motion carried.

14. Attorney Report-Young:

no report

15. Board Response:

A. Trustee Rush wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Treasurer Bednark seconded.

B. Trustee Oddy expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers at the Senior Christmas party.

C. Trustee Swinson thanked the seniors and Chief

Januszyk.

D. Clerk Hurst recognized Senior Coordinator, Maryann Watson for the remarkable job at the Senior Christmas party.

16. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to adopt resolution 2018-14, Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act 152. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Township Hall to be closed from December 24, 2018 until January 1, 2019. Employees will use a floating holiday for December 26th and PTO or vacation time for December 27 & 28, 2018. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve sending Deputy Clerk Hadyniak to Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk Institute Conference from March 10-15, 2018, cost not to exceed \$1,3500.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to correct year from 2018 to 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Swinson, supported by LaPorte to approve sending Deputy Clerk Hadyniak to Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk Institute Conference from March 10-15, 2019, cost not to exceed \$1,3500.00. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the renewal contract between Sumpter Township and Brownstown for dog shelter services, contract term from January 2019 until December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Vincent Tocco as a paid on call firefighter, with conditions he passes his physical. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve sending Sergeants B. Egerer and B. Steffani to the 2019 Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff & Command. The total cost of \$6,500.00 will be dispersed from the forfeiture funds. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve the Finance Director to only attend Board meetings quarterly and at the request of the Board. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to accept the first reading of the Marihuana ordinance to prohibit all marihuana establishments in Sumpter Township. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve Stathakis to clean the carpet at the Township Hall at a cost of \$798.75. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve hiring Bradley Wheelock for the Building Department Clerk position, starting January 2, 2019. Motion carried.

17. Announcements:

1. Children’s Christmas party on December 12th at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. Parks & Recreation will be serving food in the kitchen.

2. Clerk Hurst reminded the residents about the new landfill hard hat and safety vest requirements.

3. Treasurer’s office will be open on December 31, 2018 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.

18. Open Floor: One (1) people spoke.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Published: January 17, 2019

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: TO ALL CREDITORS

The decedent Sherrie Lynn Hemby, (date of birth: 11/13/49) grantor of The Sherrie Lynn Hemby Revocable Living Trust dated the 8th day of October, 2008, who lived at 10928 Buchanan St., Belleville, MI 48111, died 11/28/2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The Sherrie Lynn Hemby Revocable Living Trust dated the 8th day of October, 2008 will be forever barred unless presented to Cindy A. Musico and Candy L. Caincross Successor Trustees in writing with 4 months after this publication. Submit all claims to: 4192 Edmund St., Wayne, MI 48184.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Friday, Jan. 18** – The Belleville High School Athletic Department invites you to the first BHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at halftime of the boys’ basketball game vs. Wayne Memorial HS at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.
- **Friday, Jan. 18** – Penny Bingo every Friday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Bring pennies. Info: (734) 699-8918.
- **Sunday, Jan. 20** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it’s Jay Frandsen/SAX. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Monday, Jan. 21** – A Celebration of the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at 6:30 p.m. at The Village Theater in Canton. Tickets \$2 each or \$5 per family. Information: (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.
- **Monday, Jan. 21** – Play cards at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Variety of card games. Info: (734) 699-8918.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 23** – Community Sing at the Belleville Area District Library at 7 p.m. with WDET’s Matt Watroba. All skill levels invited. Community Singing is not performing! More Community Sings set for Feb. 27 and April 24. Information: (734) 699-3291.
- **Thursday, Jan. 24** – The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the dining hall at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. All are welcome.
- **Friday, Jan. 25** – Penny Bingo every Friday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Bring pennies. Info: (734) 699-8918.
- **Friday, Jan. 25** – Potato Pancake Supper, 4:30-7 p.m., at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. \$12 donation for adults; \$4 donation for children 6-12; children 5 & under free. No wait for carry-outs. Sponsored by St. John’s Ladies Aid.
- **Saturday, Jan. 26** – The annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the library, 167 Fourth St. Lunch will be provided by the Lunchbox restaurant, followed by a short business meeting. O’Neal Construction Company and Library Director Mary Jo Suchy will give an update on the progress of the new library.
- **Saturday, Jan. 26** – Entertainer, comedian and ventriloquist Brian Bosman and his best buddy C.D. will entertain at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Belleville. An all-you-can-eat homemade soup and salad buffet and dessert bar runs from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person until Jan. 18 and \$15 after Jan. 18. Information: (734) 699-8836.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 510 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Jan. 6:
 0051 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd./Estrada
 0119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
 1027 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
 1158 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
 1234 – domestic, Outer Dr.
 1355 – family trouble, Daniel Dr.
 1459 – disorderly, Senate St.
 1527 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
 1551 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
 1611 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd./Van Born
 2005 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
 2010 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.
 2120 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
 2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Pk. Dr

Monday, Jan. 7:
 0152 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
 0744 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave.
 1026 – domestic, Vernon St.
 1030 – threat, McBride Ave.
 1031 – background investigation, Arborview Ln.
 1137 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
 1243 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
 1351 – animal complaint, Bellridge Apts.
 1523 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
 1536 – domestic, Elwell Rd.
 1613 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
 1722 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
 1812 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
 2007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Crowley Ave.
 2010 – fraud, Madison Dr.
 2108 – suicidal person, Jeannette Ave.
 2159 – domestic, Beacon Trl.
 2319 – family trouble, Park Estates Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 8:
 0131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 0338 – traffic offense, Morton Taylor/Ecorse Rd.
 0452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Barkley St.
 0816 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
 1001 – hospice death, Timberview Ct.
 1052 – assist other dept., Jackson Ln.
 1125 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
 1254 – family trouble, Bemis Rd.
 1300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl.
 1325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
 1354 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Haggerty
 1424 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.
 1516 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
 1648 – animal complaint, Lohr Rd.
 1748 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
 1832 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
 2125 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 2302 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 9:
 0214 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
 0634 – domestic, Outer Dr.
 0826 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Walden Dr.
 0855 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
 1132 – animal complaint, Arthur St.
 1223 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
 1706 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
 1821 – lost property/child, Westlake Cir.
 1838 – suicidal person, Oak Blvd.
 1846 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
 2015 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
 2015 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
 2034 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 10:
 0114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 0122 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
 0421 – assist other dept., Biggs Ave.
 0825 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
 0907 – mental subject, Bak Rd.
 0921 – hospice death, W. Huron River Dr.
 1016 – larceny from auto, Maple Dr.
 1025 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
 1558 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
 1719 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
 1747 – animal complaint, Ironwood Dr.
 1832 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.
 1835 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. /

Morton Taylor Rd.
 1928 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
 1928 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
 1945 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
 2002 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 2020 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
 2159 – trespassing, Quirk Rd.
 2228 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Friday, Jan. 11:
 0733 – malicious destruction of property, Van Born Rd.
 0739 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
 0825 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
 0836 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.
 0906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 0932 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
 0957 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 1020 – breaking & entering, Savage Rd.
 1154 – parking complaint, Cambridge Ct.
 1311 – family trouble, Jackson St.
 1343 – assist other dept., Arthur St.
 1448 – property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr.
 1445 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
 1615 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
 1717 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
 1919 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 2130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr.
 2210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 12:
 0141 – private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
 0356 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
 0506 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
 0939 – hospice death, Lenmoore Ave.
 1055 – abandoned auto, Jackson St./Hayes St.
 1123 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
 1202 – traffic offense, Haggerty/I-94
 1225 – domestic, Maple Dr.
 1304 – suspicious person/vehicle, Redwood
 1324 – assist other dept., Carmell
 1423 – abandoned auto, S. Sadie Ln.
 1505 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
 1817 – traffic offense, Western St.

Also on this week’s log are 229 traffic stops, 64 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 6:
 0741 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
 1107 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
 1534 – warrant arrest, Henry St.

Monday, Jan. 7:
 0926 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
 1010 – threat, Loza Ln.
 1405 – property damage accident, Main/High
 1531 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
 1549 – assist fire dept., Anaheim St.

Tuesday, Jan. 8:
 0112 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
 0228 – assist fire dept., Carmell
 1941 – weapons violation, Fourth St.

Wednesday, Jan. 9:
 0053 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
 0740 – parking complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.
 0858 – follow up by officer, McCarther
 1312 – harassment call, Breakwater Ct.
 1346 – juvenile complaint, McBride
 1541 – assault & battery, Carmell St.
 1605 – harassment call, Main St.
 1902 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park
 2152 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Thursday, Jan. 10:
 0200 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
 0405 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
 0611 – assist fire dept., Church St.
 0753 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
 1040 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
 1143 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
 1145 – threat, Owen St.
 1146 – disorderly, McBride
 1243 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.
 1350 – motorist assist, Main St./E. Columbia
 2327 – assist citizen, N. Biggs St.

Friday, Jan. 11:
 0105 – civil matter, Church St.
 0507 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
 1450 – assist other dept., Main St./Third St.
 1741 – PPO violation, W. Columbia Ave.
 1746 – welfare check, Henry St.
 1936 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 12:
 0020 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
 0404 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
 0911 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Columbia Ave
 1042 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
 1307 – suicidal person, Carmell
 1406 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
 1434 – intrusion alarm, Church St.
 2021 – suspicious person/vehicle, Goofy’s
 2133 – larceny, Main St.
 2151 – harassment call, Loza Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 53 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 6:
 0022 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
 0813 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
 1109 – shots fired, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1202 – ordinance violation, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1205 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 2221 – suspicious person, Bemis/Martinsville

Monday, Jan. 7:
 1435 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.

1510 – reckless driver, Willis/Rawsonville
 1517 – larceny, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1836 – assist other agency, Pecan St.
 2358 – family trouble, Hampshire

Tuesday, Jan. 8:
 1104 – well-being check, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
 1410 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
 2030 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 9:
 0922 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
 1315 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1330 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 1427 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
 1520 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1539 – well-being check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
 1932 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
 2021 – well-being check, Birch

Thursday, Jan. 10:
 0911 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
 0946 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 1119 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
 1420 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
 1428 – disorderly person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
 1614 – property damage accident, Fenster/Judd
 1716 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
 1720 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
 1847 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis / Rawsonville

Friday, Jan. 11:
 0609 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Sumpter
 0701 – alarm, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1100 – civil dispute, Virginia
 1532 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1611 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1736 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1945 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2304 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 12:
 0957 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1119 – larceny, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1207 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
 1541 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1559 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
 1713 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1815 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1957 – larceny, Carriage Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 11 follow-up investigation, 22 miscellaneous details, 100 patrol checks, and 38 traffic stops.

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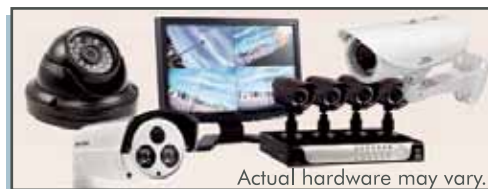
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